



Southside Sentinel

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Colonel Thomas H. Williamson Chapter #249
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Colonel John Thomas Goode

Related to Many Mecklenburg Families

Colonel John Thomas Goode of 'Sunnyside' (near Boydton) is one of most senior ranking Confederate officers to come out of Mecklenburg County, Virginia and was nominated for the rank of Brigadier General before the end of hostilities.

Goode was born 21 July 1835 to the Honorable William O. Goode and Sarah Massie Goode. He attended the Virginia Military Institute on 4 August 1854 resigning after receiving a direct appointment as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army's 4th Artillery on 18 June 1855. Sent out west, Goode was appointed 1st Lieutenant on 10 June 1857. He was stationed at Fort Floyd near Salt Lake City, Nevada when Fort Sumter when Fort Sumter occurred. He resigned his commission when Virginia seceded and proceeded home where he was quickly appointed Captain of Artillery in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States (19 July 1861) and made Chief of Artillery at Yorktown and later commanded artillery around Richmond.

Goode was promoted to Major on 3 October 1861; to Lieutenant Colonel, April 1862 and appointed Colonel of the 4th Va Heavy Artillery on 15 May 1862. The 4th was designated the 34th Virginia Infantry by Special Order on 23 May 1862. Companies included: A, Gloucester Artillery; B, Mecklenburg Heavy Artillery; C, Davis Artillery; D, Green Rough and Readys (Greene County) and E, Piedmont Artillery.

Assigned to General (former Governor) Henry Wise's Brigade, Goode, as the senior Colonel, often found himself in command of the brigade. He was reportedly recommended for Brigadier General in February and October 1864 and again on April 6, 1865 due to the skilful defense and retreat of Wises' Brigade during the Battle of Marshall's Crossroads at Sailor's Creek, Va. It is reported his commission was to date from April 6,

1865 but the surrender at Appomattox on April 9 ended the war. Paroled at Appomattox, Goode returned to Mecklenburg where he became a planter and a member of the Virginia Legislature. He died on April 3, 1916 at Chase City, Virginia.

Goode had four wives in his lifetime but only two had children resulting in 10 children and countless grandchildren.

Many of his children were daughters marrying young men of standing in the community resulting in Col Goode's direct or indirect relationship with most of the old families of Mecklenburg County. These include Allison, Bland, Boswell, Branch, Bugg, Cameron, Finch, Giles, Gregory, Hester, Homes, Jackson, Jeffreys, Maclay, Moore, Paulette, Shaeffer, Short, Skeen, Sloan, Spencer, Turner, Vaden and Young

The Chapter can aid persons with these last names in collecting evidence to support membership in the Williamson Chapter MOS&B.

Chapter Newsletter Debut

This issue the *Southside Sentinel* marks the debut of a quarterly newsletter for the Colonel Thomas H. Williamson Chapter #249 of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

The newsletter will highlight local chapter, society and National MOS&B items of interest and serve as a source of local historical information to aid member education and outreach activities in the community.

Publication months are January, April, July, and October. Publication will be distributed via e-mail only. Recipients are encouraged to print copies for distribution to potential members or for educational purposes to further aid the principles, goals and objectives of the MOS&B.

Colonel John Thomas Goode

Wives:

1. Sarah Buford, born February 22, 1840
2. Carrie Sturdivant, born October 27, 1852 (no children)
3. Betty Margaret (Bessie) Morton, born April 16, 1856
4. Ida Rosalie Jones, born July 22, 1850 (no children)

Children of No. 1

Juliet Virginia (Jennie) born 1858
Mary Henrietta (Mollie) born 1861 (married Junius P. Epes, 25 Sept 1883);
William Osborne, born 1863
Lila Buford, born April 2, 1866

Children of No. 3

Bessie Morton, born January 15, 1878 (married Robert Lee Jeffreys, 2 Aug 1898);
John Thomas, born May 12, 1879 (married Mabel Sloan, 22 April 1903);
Margaret Watkins, born May 12, 1881 (married William C. Moore, 15 Sept 1910);
Caroline Sturdivant, born November 27, 1882 (married John Alexander Bugg, 29 June 1905);
Sarah Massie, born August 25, 1884 (married Clifford C. Branch, 7 June 1906);
Morton Graham, born June 29, 1886 (married Lucy Barnes Homes, 23 April 1912);
Nancy, born July 21, 1888 (married John T. Bland, 19 July 1913)



Identifiable Marriages of Grandchildren:

Bessie Morton Goode Jeffreys, married Shelton H. Short, Jr., April 29, 1922
Milton Morton Goode married Juanita Giles
Lillian C. Moore married David C. Maclay, September 15, 19__
Clifford Branch married Betty Shaeffer, June 22, 1934
Lorena Bland married 1. Edward Paulette; 2. James E. Skeen, 1939
J. Goode Branch married Anne Allison, April 2, 1939
Thomas Goode Moore, married Katherine Young, July 16, 1938
Lucy Marshall Goode, married Edwin Finch, February 3, 1940
Bessie Morton Goode, married 1. Carter S. Vaden, 1939; 2. Robert Bolling Cameron, July, 1946
John T. Bland, married Elaine Spencer, May 12, 1942
Nancy Goode Bland, married Oscar Turner, August 9, 1941
William Archie Bland, married Dorothy Hester, August 16, 1942
Sarah Massie Goode, married Kossen Gregory, June 25, 1943
David Morton Bland, married Aloise Boswell, February 16, 1943
Caroline O. Goode, married Greer Jackson

Goode was buried in St. James Church Cemetery in Chase City (Mecklenburg County), Virginia.

Note: Multiple sources of information were consulted for this biography to include Find A Grave (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=16589285>); VMI Archives, Source: <http://www.vmi.edu/archives/archiverosters/Details.asp?ID=682&rform=search>; Library of Virginia Digital Collections, LVA Bible Records No. 2529a, Goode Family Bible, 1798-1959 (Philadelphia, Pa: William W. Harding) 1867; and Goode, George Brown. Virginia Cousins: A study of the ancestry and posterity of John Goode of Whitby, A Virginia Colonist of the Seventeenth Century (Richmond, Va: J.W. Randolph and English) 1887 (page 241)

About the MOS&B

“Everyone should do all in his power to collect and disseminate the truth, in the hope that it may find a place in history and descend to posterity. History is not the relation of campaigns and battles and generals or other individuals, but that which shows the principles for which the South contended and which justified her struggle for those principles.”

Robert E. Lee

On June 10th, 1889, in New Orleans, Louisiana, a group of proud surviving soldiers of the Confederate States of America organized an association called the United Confederate Veterans. Its goals were to protect and defend the honor and dignity of the memory of the Confederate soldier. As the ranks of the aged veterans of the UCV began to thin with the passage of time, a group of the surviving Confederate officers met in Columbia, South Carolina on August 30th, 1938 to discuss their concerns that the unique contributions made by the Confederate leadership were not properly chronicled in our nation’s history books. They felt a particular duty fell to them as members of the Officers Corp.

This first meeting of what they named the “Order of the Stars & Bars” was convened with a great deal of enthusiasm by seventeen former Confederate officers as well as additional forty-seven male descendants of Confederate officers in attendance. These dedicated men were unanimous in voting to begin a new CSA veteran society that would hold annual meetings. The OSB was unique in that the organization was made up of veterans and their descendants with the understanding that as the original Confederate officers died that it was the sacred responsibility of their male offspring to continue to carry on the purposes of the Order. Eligibility qualifications were later broadened to allow collateral male descendants of Confederate commissioned officers as well as of any elected or appointed member of the Confederate Government. This brought additional members and new vigorous leadership to the Brotherhood.

The first Commander-in-Chief was Captain Homer Atkinson of Petersburg, Virginia. He served as the chief officer of the Order from the beginning until his death in 1945. In addition to commanding the new Order, Captain Atkinson also served two terms as Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

The name of the Order was changed to “The Military Order of the Stars & Bars” at the 39th General Convention held in Memphis, Tennessee in 1976. The first National Flag of the Confederate States of America, the Stars and Bars was accepted as the official insignia of the Order and the commanding officer title was changed to Commander General of the Military Order of the Star and Bars.

Today the fraternal Military Order of the Stars & Bars, a non-profit 501(c) 3, non-political educational, historical, patriotic, and heritage group continues its dedication to the preservation of Southern history and remains the only heritage organization actually founded by Confederate veterans. A wide range of programs have been added to reorganize outstanding contributions in the fields of history, fine arts and journalism. College scholarships are offered to worthy candidates to emphasize the need for truth in Confederate history. Prestigious literary prizes are awarded to authors and publishing houses. Monuments are being erected to the CSA soldiers. Journalists who practice ethical and fair reporting of local and Southern history are recognized. An emphasis is placed on American Patriotism and the honoring of all American veterans of all wars. As Jefferson Davis once said, “It is a duty we owe to posterity to see that our children shall know the virtues, and rise worthy of their sires.”



Figure 1—Captain Homer Atkinson, seated on left, was the first commander-in chief of the Order of the Stars and Bars (OSB) when established in 1938. This newspaper photo shows Atkinson one year later during the Jackson, Mississippi United Confederate Veterans Reunion.



Figure 3 - MOS&B 2012 Sesquicentennial Pin is available for purchase. Only \$10. These pins reflect our great and noble Southern heritage and are destined to be passed down to your grandchildren. Order you pins from the MOS&B web store. (<http://www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.net/store/>) Your grandchildren will thank you!

The web store offers hats, polo shirts, suspenders, CDs, DVDs, books, ties, gym bags and numerous other items with the MOS&B logo. Support the cause and the organization with your purchases



Figure 2 - Life Member Lapel Pins – Only \$10

Selected Websites

The websites below are for reference and will aid our membership in helping others find information about various heritage organizations. While not a War Between the States organization, the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans is included because of its close relationship to the Civil War, the memory of which was evoked when President McKinley mobilized a National Army to serve in war against Spain. As the first major post-WBTS conflict, it served to reunify the nation.

Confederate Organizations

National MOS&B Website: <http://www.militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org/>

Va Society MOS&B Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Virginia-Society-Military-Order-of-Stars-Bars/226513294072062?v=info>

United Daughters of the Confederacy: <http://www.hqudc.org>

Virginia United Daughters of the Confederacy: <http://vaudc.org/>

Sons of Confederate Veterans: <http://www.scv.org>

Virginia Sons of Confederate Veterans: <http://www.scvva.org/>

Union Organizations

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: <http://www.suvcw.org>

SUVCW, Dept of the Chesapeake: <http://www.suvcw-chesapeake.org/>

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States: <http://suvcw.org/mollus.htm>

Serving Together Again

Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans: <http://www.ssawv.org>

Confederate Officers Of Mecklenburg County, Virginia

Provided for the historic record and educational purposes is this list of company grade (Captain and below) Confederate officers who served in companies and regiments from Mecklenburg County, Va. Many of these men returned home to run farms, business, and churches or take an active part in Virginia's political life. The Williamson Chapter MOS&B is actively seeking wartime or post-war photographs of these men that can be electronically scanned for permanent preservation. Individuals with photos can contact 1st Lieutenant Commander Greg Eanes at eanesgreg@hotmail.com so arrangements can be made to scan the image.

Individuals able to document lineage to the following Confederate Officers are eligible for membership in the Williamson Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. This list was compiled from the compiled service records of Confederate Soldiers in the National Archives and Records Administration now available on Fold3 (formerly Footnote.com).

| Last name | First Name | Rank | Branch | Regiment | Company | Group Name |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|---------|----------------------|
| Adkins | Whitmell T. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 38th | G | Mecklenburg Rifles |
| Alexander | Robert P. | 1st Lt/Capt | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |
| Amea | Thomas S. | 1st Lt/Captain | Infantry | 21st | C | Oliver Greys |
| Baskervill | Robert D. | Captain | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |
| Boswell | Thomas Taylor | Captain | Infantry | 56th | A | Mecklenburg Guards |
| Boyd | William Towner | Captain | Cavalry | 3rd | A | Boydton Cavalry |
| Brooks | John R. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | A | Mecklenburg Guards |
| Cabell | John Roy | Captain | Infantry | 38th | G | Mecklenburg Rifles |
| Carter | Hilliard W. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | A | Mecklenburg Guards |
| Carter | Henry C. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 38th | G | Mecklenburg Rifles |
| Carter | Hilliard W. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| Clements | Benjamin T. | 1st Lieutenant | Infantry | 38th | G | Mecklenburg Rifles |
| Coleman | Lewis M. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 21st | C | Oliver Greys |
| Curtis | William C. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |
| Dabbs | George J. | 1st Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| Davis | George W. | Captain | Infantry | 56th | B | Mecklenburg Spartans |
| Davis | Solomon J. | 1st Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| Doggett | A.D. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | A | Mecklenburg Guards |
| Farrar | John P. | 2nd/1st Lt/Capt | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |
| Farrar | William H. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |
| Finch | George B. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| Finley | George W. | Capt/1st Lt | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| Garner | James A. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | A | Mecklenburg Guards |
| Gayle | David D. | 2nd Lieutenant | Cavalry | 3rd | A | Boydton Cavalry |
| Goode | Thomas F. | Captain | Cavalry | 3rd | A | Boydton Cavalry |
| Hamner | R.M. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | B | Mecklenburg Spartans |
| Hardy | Allen L. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 21st | C | Oliver Greys |
| Harper | Charles P. | 2nd/1st Lt | Infantry | 21st | C | Oliver Greys |
| Hatcher | Thomas A. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |

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| Hawthorne | Benjamin J. | Captain | Infantry | 38th | G | Mecklenburg Rifles |
| Hayes | Orlando J. | 2nd /1st Lt/Capt | Infantry | 21st | C | Oliver Greys |
| Hite | Robert M. | 2nd Lieutenant | Cavalry | 3rd | A | Boydton Cavalry |
| Hutchinson | Joseph C. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| Jackson | James A. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 38th | G | Mecklenburg Rifles |
| Jeffress | Edward A. | 2nd/1st Lt | Infantry | 21st | C | Oliver Greys |
| Johnson | Samuel B. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 21st | C | Oliver Greys |
| Johnson | John L. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |
| Jones | William H. | Captain | Cavalry | 3rd | A | Boydton Cavalry |
| Jones | John W. | Captain | Infantry | 56th | B | Mecklenburg Spartans |
| Lee | Henderson L. | Captain | Infantry | 38th | G | Mecklenburg Rifles |
| Lewis | John T. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| Mason | James S. | 1st Lieutenant | Infantry | 34th | B | Mecklenburg Heavy Artillery |
| Massie | Robert T. | 2nd Lt/Capt (2) | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| McPhail | John B. | Captain | Infantry | 56th | A | Mecklenburg Guards |
| Moore | James H. | 1st Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | B | Mecklenburg Spartans |
| Morton | Tignel J. | Captain | Infantry | 56th | B | Mecklenburg Spartans |
| Moseley | Charles W. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | B | Mecklenburg Spartans |
| Nelson | Frank W. | 1st Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | A | Mecklenburg Guards |
| Oliver | John M. | Captain | Infantry | 21st | C | Oliver Greys |
| Pettus | Thomas Taylor | Captain | Infantry | 34th | B | Mecklenburg Heavy Artillery |
| Pettus | Thomas H. | Captain | Infantry | 21st | C | Oliver Greys |
| Prichard | William B. | Captain | Infantry | 38th | G | Mecklenburg Rifles |
| Puryear | John P. | 2nd Lieutenant | Cavalry | 3rd | A | Boydton Cavalry |
| Read | Stephen P. | 2nd/1st Lt/Capt | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |
| Russell | William | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | A | Mecklenburg Guards |
| Shelton | William D. | 2nd Lt/Capt (3) | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| Simmons | Samuel W. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |
| Small | William F. | 1st Lieutenant | Cavalry | 3rd | A | Boydton Cavalry |
| Sturdivant | Robert F. | 2nd Lieutenant | Cavalry | 3rd | A | Boydton Cavalry |
| Talley | Nathaniel , Jr. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| Tisdale | Richard T. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 34th | B | Mecklenburg Heavy Artillery |
| Townes, Jr. | William | Captain | Infantry | 38th | G | Mecklenburg Rifles |
| Turner | S.W. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | B | Mecklenburg Spartans |
| Walker | John R. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 34th | B | Mecklenburg Heavy Artillery |
| Walker | M.M. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 34th | B | Mecklenburg Heavy Artillery |
| Walker | Joshua E. | 1st Lieutenant | Infantry | 56th | B | Mecklenburg Spartans |
| Walker | Joshua E. | Captain | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |
| Warren | James P. | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 38th | G | Mecklenburg Rifles |
| Warren | Wesley W. | 2nd/1st Lt | Infantry | 14th | F | Chambliss Grays |
| White | George W. | Captain | Cavalry | 3rd | A | Boydton Cavalry |
| Wood | William Walter | 2nd Lieutenant | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |
| Yancey | William H. | 2nd/1st Lt | Infantry | 14th | E | Clarksville Blues |

2012 VIRGINIA SOCIETY CONVENTION
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Saturday, 28 April 2012

Syria, Virginia

Convention Registration Form

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\$40 (registration, lunch, and speaker, per person)
Make Check or Money Order Payable to – Chapter 298 MOS&B
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- 11:00 a.m. – Social with Cash Bar
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - Business Meeting

After the business meeting well-known Madison County Historian Harold Woodward will speak on “Madison County during *The War*”. He will briefly discuss a nearby campsite of Stonewall Jackson, Madison’s most famous citizen James Lawson Kemper, and the two major cavalry engagements in Madison County.

Number of people attending: _____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____

For those planning to stay at the convention site
please identify that you are attending the Virginia Society MOS&B Convention and make
your reservations directly. The rooms are reasonably priced and many include all meals. Consider bringing your
spouse for a great weekend in the Blue Ridge Mountains. There will be a Fiber Festival that weekend with sheep,
llamas, alpacas, rabbits, etc.

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2011 Was Active Year for Colonel Thomas Williamson Chapter #249, MOS&B

The year 2011 proved to be an active year for the Williamson Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars with significant efforts made on the education and historic preservation fronts leading to National MOS&B recognition for two members.

In September, Munsey A. Moore of Chase City and Col Greg Eanes, USAF (Ret) of Crewe, members of the Chase City based Colonel Thomas Williamson Chapter #249, were recipients of the Lt. Charles Read Meritorious Service Award presented during the 2011 National convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

The two men were recognized for development of a 'Chapter Action Plan' for identifying Confederate officers from one's local area, getting biographical data and collecting family photographs for retention by MOS&B, the Museum of the Confederacy and regional archives. The plan, designed in part to support Civil War Sesquicentennial efforts, included step by step instructions to guide local chapters on one approach to preserving local Confederate history.

MOS&B National Commander Max Waldrop called the plan “an excellent contribution to the Order” thanking the men for “what you are doing with fulfilling our mission”. Virginia MOS&B Commander Allen Mock said the plan “has tremendous potential and should be promoted at every level of our organization.”



Figure 4 - Munsey Moore, Commander of Thomas Williamson Chapter #249, MOS&B

Eanes noted, “Civil War history is also the family history of many people in Southside Virginia. While the general public may read the names in unit histories or wartime reports, we have very few photographs of the junior and mid-level officers who actually led the men into battle. Our goal is to collect and digitize photos of these men, regardless of the time the photo was made.”

In other actions the Chapter stepped up its public affairs activities by issuing a news release to alert area media to area Lee-Jackson Day memorial services, alerted local radio stations to Confederate Heritage and History Month activities and provided lectures on black Confederates at Twin Lakes State Park during February black history month activities. In support of regional efforts to capture photos of company grade Confederate officers from Mecklenburg, work was engaged to methodically identify those officers. This will aid recruiting as well as recording.

The State Society and other veteran organizations were successfully approached to generate letters to the Veterans Administration to support the issue of individual headstones for Confederate war dead interred at Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond. Oakwood is sometimes called ‘the Arlington of the South’. A similar effort was engaged in to get the Fredericksburg City Council to reverse a decision on the removal of a Confederate mass grave marker. Williamson members were also active in 2011 lobbying against State budget cuts targeting Staunton River Bridge Battlefield State Park as well as supporting the Friends of Sailor’s Creek Battlefield State Park.

Article Submissions

Digitized images of Confederate officers and/or article submissions for the *Southside Sentinel* can be e-mailed directly to eanesgreg@hotmail.com.